BIO-SANS - BIOLOGICAL SMALL-ANGLE NEUTRON SCATTERING INSTRUMENT

Bio-SANS was designed and optimized for analysis of the structure, function, and dynamics of complex biological systems. Bio-SANS is the cornerstone of the Center for Structural Molecular Biology (CSMB) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The



supported by additional CSMB capabilities that include development of advanced computational tools for neutron analysis and modeling, as well as biophysical characterization and X-ray scattering infrastructure. A dedicated biological sample preparation laboratory is located adjacent to the instrument.

Bio-SANS instrument is

Detector tanks for the new SANS instruments at HFIR. The Bio-SANS detector is on the left.

APPLICATIONS

- Bio-macromolecules and their assemblies
 - Protein complexes
 - Protein/DNA complexes
 - Lipids
 - Viruses
 - Carbohydrates
- Hierarchical biological structures
 - Gels
 - · Fibers and fibrils
 - Vesicles
 - Microemulsions
- Membrane diffraction
- Biomimetic and bio-inspired systems

USER ACCESS

Bio-SANS is operated as a user facility and is sponsored by DOE's Office of Biological and Environmental Research. The instrument is managed under the CSMB User Program.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Wavelength	6< λ <25 Å
Wavelength resolution	Δλ/ λ = 9–45%
Q range	0.0009–0.8 Å ⁻¹
Sample- to-detector distance	1.1–15.3 m
Detector	2–D ³ He
Detector size	1 x 1 m ²
Detector resolution/ pixel size	5.1 x 5.1 mm ²
Max count rate	20 kHz

CENTER CAPABILITIES

X-ray scattering	
Light scattering	
Computational tools	
Bio-support lab	
Protein production + analysis	
Bio-deuteration lab	

Status: Operational



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